Doc code: IDS Doc description: Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed

PTO/SB/08a (01-10)
Approved for use through 07/31/2012. OMB 0651-0031
Mation Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

	Application Number		12724695	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date		2010-03-16	
	First Named Inventor	Ryser	yser et al.	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)	Art Unit		1781	
(Not for Submission and of or the fissy	Examiner Name	Weier	r, Anthony J.	
	Attorney Docket Number		3712036-01066	

				U.	S.PATENTS			Remove	
Examiner Initial*	Pr Cite No Patent Number Kind Code1 Issue Date Name of Patentee or Applic of cited Document			Releva	,Columns,Lines where ant Passages or Relev s Appear				
	1	6025000		2000-02-15	Fond et al.				
	2	6698332		2004-03-02	Kollep et al.				
If you wis	h to a	l dd additional U.S. Pat	ent citatio	n information	please click the	e Add button.		Add	
			U.S.P	ATENT APP	ICATION PUB	BLICATIONS		Remove	
Examiner Initial*	Cite	No Publication Number	Kind Code ¹	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document		Pages,Columns,Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
If you wis	1 h to a	dd additional U.S. Pub	lished Ap	<u></u>	on information	<u> </u>	l d button	n. Add	
Examiner Initial*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number ³	Country Code ²	y Kind	Publication	Name of Patente Applicant of cited Document	e or	Pages,Columns,Lines where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T 5
	1	1137742	CN		1996-12-11				

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number		12724695
Filing Date		2010-03-16
First Named Inventor Ryser		r et al.
Art Unit		1781
Examiner Name Weier		r, Anthony J.
Attorney Docket Number		3712036-01066

	3	95/17121	wo	1995-06-29			
	4	2003-508102	JP	2003-03-04			
	5	2003-512117	JP	2003-04-02	- 1		
If you wisl	h to a	dd additional Forei	gn Patent Docume	nt citation information pleas	e click the Add buttor	Add	
			NON-PAT	ENT LITERATURE DOCUM	MENTS	Remove	
Examiner Initials*	kaminer No Cite (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc), date, pages(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.					Ţ5	
	1						
If you wisl	h to a	dd additional non-p	atent literature doc	cument citation information	olease click the Add b	outton Add	
			E	XAMINER SIGNATURE			
Examiner Signature			Date Considered				
				or not citation is in conformations of this form with			
Standard ST ⁴ Kind of doo	7.3). ³ Fourment	For Japanese patent do	cuments, the indication	GOV or MPEP 901.04. ² Enter office of the year of the reign of the Empe document under WIPO Standard	eror must precede the ser	ial number of the patent doc	ument.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

Application Number		12724695	
Filing Date		2010-03-16	
First Named Inventor Ryser		r et al.	
Art Unit		1781	
Examiner Name Weier		r, Anthony J.	
Attorney Docket Number		3712036-01066	

	CERTIFICATION STATEMENT							
Plea	se see 37 CFR 1	.97 and 1.98 to make the appropriate selection	on(s):					
	That each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).							
OR								
	That no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. See 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2).							
	See attached certification statement.							
	The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 (p) has been submitted herewith.							
X	A certification statement is not submitted herewith.							
SIGNATURE A signature of the applicant or representative is required in accordance with CFR 1.33, 10.18. Please see CFR 1.4(d) for the form of the signature.								
Sign	ature	/Robert M. Barrett/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2012-01-03				
Name/Print Robert M. Barrett Registration Number 30142								

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO:** Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Privacy Act Statement

The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579) requires that you be given certain information in connection with your submission of the attached form related to a patent application or patent. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of the Act, please be advised that: (1) the general authority for the collection of this information is 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2); (2) furnishing of the information solicited is voluntary; and (3) the principal purpose for which the information is used by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is to process and/or examine your submission related to a patent application or patent. If you do not furnish the requested information, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may not be able to process and/or examine your submission, which may result in termination of proceedings or abandonment of the application or expiration of the patent.

The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

- The information on this form will be treated confidentially to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Records from this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice to determine whether the Freedom of Information Act requires disclosure of these record s.
- A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, in the course of presenting evidence to a
 court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement
 negotiations.
- 3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.
- 4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
- A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records
 may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant
 to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.
- 6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to another federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).
- 7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
- 8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.
- A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.